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TO THE EDITOR OF THE POLYNESIAN.

After reading such distempered communications as appeared in your paper of last week, professing in defence of the Oahu College, it is gratifying to find in the *Advertiser* of Thursday the letter signed "S. N. Castle," and bearing upon the same subject *Ex pede Herculem*.

Mr. C. shows in so lucid and incontrovertible a manner the great social and other advantages of a College on our Island, that certainly no sane man would attempt to dispute him; and had the College remained a private institution, I should have considered the *Advertiser's* remarks as bordering on impertinence. But it has become, or it is proposed to become, a National Institution and, if I understand the bearing of that word correctly, it becomes me and every other friend of the nation to inquire distinctly, temperately yet firmly, if such institution is good and commendable, not in *se*, but other things considered and for the time being; if it is the result, not of partial and exceptional advancements, but of national, educational progress.

A gentleman, so well versed in historic lore as Mr. C. cannot possibly be ignorant of "the voice of history" which teaches us that the grammar schools attached to the cathedrals, abbeys and wealthier monasteries, preceded the institution of colleges, and that the establishment of such as national, without previous existing, subordinate, preparatory schools equally national, is a *proteron* in education.

Let us look at this National College in its practical working without national grammar schools. A young lad of native or foreign parentage shows unmistakable proofs of talent and application in his studies at the common free school, so far as they go; but his parents, though able to find his board and lodging, are still unable to pay for private tuition in order to qualify their child for college, there being no public school within the province or island where such preparatory instruction can be obtained. What, under these circumstances, is the establishment of a professedly national college for these parents, but an eye-sore, an invidious distinction of social classes. I have gone through college on my side with the poorest boy of my native town, and rejoiced in his well earned honors; and he did not go there through favor, but in the right of his attainments acquired at the grammar school, which was as open to him as it was to me. Can that happen here? There can be no better bond of social union in a country than with a population so heterogeneous as ours. A college life; but its foundations must be laid in the free and public grammar-school.

To assert then that we, who oppose the attempt to carry into effect a National college without previous means of making it truly national, are opposed to all legitimate education, is simply incorrect; to impute to us motives inimical to education, as has been done, because we cannot lose sight of national ignorance and social disadvantages in the exceptional advancement of a fortunate few, does not argue a perception of the subject worthy of notice, and to expect that we should permit a national superstructure to be raised without a national substratum, is certainly not a compliment to our moral integrity, our social devotion or political knowledge.

Mr. C. regrets that, default of a college, "all of our young men who thirst after the acquisition of science must be transported to other lands" for the completion of their academic course. I can appreciate the longing and do honor to its source; but the evil which is an evil incident to young communities, and the attempts to relieve it are too often unsuccessful. I had rather, if it must be so, and the two kinds of national, educational institutions can not proceed in their natural order or, at least, together—I had rather that the eighteen or twenty young men, who graduate within the next few years at the Oahu College, should take their degrees abroad, than that the mass of the nation should be kept back on the barren hold of knowledge or be deprived for a single year of that national provision which it has a right to expect from a government in every other respect so far-sighted and mindful of its best interests. "Stability and permanency to all of the social interests of the kingdom and corresponding advance in every other interest dear to society" must begin from below, or it becomes hollow and unworthy of a statesman's consideration, a patriot's thought.

With the facts, to which Mr. C. alludes, I am not assentant, but from reading both sides of the question it seems to me that Mr. C. rebuts an accusation by a statement of names simply. As I understand criticism and controversial rules, this is hardly sufficient; but having no personal interest in the matter I am willing to consider this part as a side issue and abide its proper development.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE POLYNESIAN.

I can account for the state of mental chaos in which my venerable elder "Truth" was induced to publish your over that signature, only, by supposing some modern grape-juice had disturbed his balance of mind. He has thrown together a set of anti-

missionary, anti-temperance, anti-student notions, to which Truth has, I believe, for the first time subscribed himself. He has not, however, succeeded in covering all his statements with the mantle of that noble principle, for the ears stick out very perceptibly.

If "phrases and habits" were to be the test of admission into a school here, there would be as many natives as whites.

The Royal School (I am conversant with its history) never was so ungovernable, and unsuccessful, as when those "blushing" town residents were the largest class, and suffered not from the "rude offensiveness" of the pharisaical missionaries. The natives who attended were not the source of trouble, except in one or two cases, where chiefish blood couldn't brook school restraints. But it is useless for me to assert these things; the present Principal of the Royal School, would, I doubt not, satisfy any one of their truth who might be candid enough to make inquiries.

Mr. "Truth" might better have used the expression "brazen gratuity" with an egotistical reference. I never claimed all the credit to the mission class for sustaining the school; the town people did it almost equally well till 1855. The former class however, only properly improved their chance for acquiring knowledge, and when Punahoa was opened under new auspices, many of them had no better "facilities and advantages" than every town boy. They paid full tuition, and walked to school, and intend to do so in future. Afterward, however, the Royal School was reopened, town children might have filled it, and had it to themselves free from missionary contamination. Here they neglected the chance.

The statement of your truthful correspondent, Mr. Editor, in relation to the feelings indulged towards "outside barbarians" by the descendants of Missionaries, is entirely of his own fabrication, and draws weightily on his self-constituted veracity. "Truth" comes about as near as usual to truth in identifying me. That promising youth who must have touched his weak point departed long since to another country. A STUDENT.

ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.—At a late festival given by the Lord Mayor of London, Lord Clarendon spoke on the foreign policy of England, and remarked:—"I will only say I believe that at no time in recent years has there existed so thoroughly sound and wholesome a feeling as now prevails between the people of this country and the United States, who, understanding their reciprocal interests, feel a determination that those interests shall not be disturbed by quarrels and disagreements, which may partially derange, though they do not interrupt, our friendly communications. I believe that this amicable feeling is shared as well by the Government of the United States as by the Government of her Majesty, and we have this advantage—that the eminent man who has now been raised by the voice of his countrymen to preside over the destinies of those States has but recently left our shores, has lived among us, has mixed with all classes of our people, and has been able to appreciate the esteem and respect felt for his country by all sections in these kingdoms."

THE LATE CASE OF SUICIDE.—Dr. Starkey yesterday made a *post mortem* examination of the body of Catharine Howard, and gave it as his opinion that she died from laudanum. The inquest will be held to-day at ten o'clock. The girl has went by the name of Caroline Herring, Kate Correll, Kate Marshall and Kate Howard.—*S. F. Herald*, June 20.

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